

Application No. 08/480,461
Amendment dated February 13, 2008
Reply to Office Action of February 4, 2008

Amendments to the Drawings:

In response to the Draftsperson's May 26, 1998 objection, please replace the drawings currently on file with the fourteen (14) sheets of formal drawings including FIGS. 1-35 filed herewith.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 95-139 and 141-241 are allowed and that the application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters that claim 90 and 140 must be cancelled. Pursuant to the Examiner's request, Applicant cancelled previously withdrawn claims 90 and 140 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter.

In response to the objection by the Draftsperson dated May 26, 1998, please substitute the enclosed fourteen (14) sheets of formal drawings including FIGS. 1-35 for the drawings currently on file.

Please note that Applicant has yet to receive from the Examiner a properly considered Form PTO-1449 and Form PTO/SB/08 associated with the Information Disclosure Statements dated July 26, 2001 and November 19, 2007, respectively, courtesy copies of which are attached for the Examiner's convenience. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents, indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the Form PTO-1449 of July 26, 2001 and Form PTO/SB/08 of November 19, 2007, and return the forms to the undersigned.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-3726.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 13, 2008

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